

Provision of A.C Coaches in Rameshwaram Express and Cholan Express

9865. SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trains running on the main line between Madras Egmore and Trichy via Mailaduthurai and Thanjavur are not provided with air-conditioned facilities;

(b) whether there are repeated representations for the provision of AC2-Tier sleeper coach in Rameshwaram, Express and AC Chair car in Cholan Express; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide these facilities in these

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some demands have been received.

(c) Presently not feasible due to non-availability of adequate coaches.

Shortage of H.M.T. Watches

9866. SHRI RAJAMOHANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been acute shortage of H.M.T. watches;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of watches of various models likely to be produced during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) to (c). Considering the demand for HMT watches, there is a supply shortfall in certain types of watches like ladies, automatic, etc. This is largely due to capacity constraints in availability of movements and appearance parts. HMT has however planned to increase its production

to about 7 million watches during 1990-91.

Railway Line Between Thiruvalla and Trivandrum

9867. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for new Railway line of Thiruvalla-Trivandrum, passing through Kozhenchery, Pathanamthitta, Konny, Pathanapuram, Punalur, Nedumangad etc. in the South-Eastern hilly areas of Kerala; and

(b) when the construction work will be started under a time bound programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Shatabdi Express Between Delhi and Gorakhpur

9868. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to introduce a new fast train like 'Shatabdi Express' on Delhi-Gorakhpur line' and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting Up of Petrochemical Complex in Punjab

9869. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to set up chemical based Industries in Punjab during the next plan period;

(b) if so, the details of these industries;

(c) whether Government contemplate to set up a petrochemical complex in Punjab in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). The following proposal for setting up projects in Punjab have been approved.

1. M/s Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Limited have been granted a Letter of Intent for manufacture of 485 tonnes per annum Hydrogen Hydrate at Tehsil Rajpura District Patiala.
2. M/s Indian Acrylics is implementing and Acrylic Fibre project of 20,000 TPS, at Sangrur.
3. A Letter of intent has been issued to M/s Punjab Khand Udyog Ltd. for setting up 5,000 TPA Citric Acid Plant at District Ferozepur.
4. A Letter of Intent has been issued to M/s JCT Ltd. for expansion of capacity of its existing polyester filament yarn plants in District Hoshiarpur from 3500 TPA to 25,000 TPA.
5. A Letter of Intent has been issued

to M/s Punjab Polyfibres for setting up of 30,000 TPA polyester Staple Fibre Plant. They have already implemented 18,000 Tonnes Capacity.

6. A Letter of intent has been issued to M/s Hindustan Livers for 60,000 TPA linear Alkyl Benzene.

(c) to (e). No. Sir. Decisions in such cases are taken on Techno-Economic considerations.

[English]

Petrol and Diesel Pumps in Bhilwara District, Rajasthan

9870. SHRI HEMENDRA SINGH BANERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol/diesel pumps in Bhilwara district and their location;

(b) whether a petrol/diesel pumps was sanctioned for Banera but it has been shifted to Mandal Choraha;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any new dealer is being appointed to start a petrol/ diesel pumps at Banera; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) 20 Retail Outlet (Petrol/ Diesel) Dealerships are in operation in Bhilwara district as per the details give below:

	Location	No. of ROs
	1	2
1.	Bhilwara Town	10
2.	Mandal Ghoraja	1